

Borough of Mercersburg
Borough Hall, Mercersburg, PA
August 26, 2013
MINUTES

Attending: President Elizabeth McClintick, Mayor Jim Zeger, Vice-President John Freeland, Tom Suddeth, Jeff Main, Chris Frisby, Borough Manager Tammy Oberholzer, Assistant Borough Manager Dawn Scheller, Solicitor Jason Kelso, Engineer Lance Kegerreis, and Police Chief John Zechman

Absent: Members Betty Stenger, and Donald Stoner

Guests: None

Press: Jordan Krom from the Mercersburg Journal

President McClintick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked the Mayor to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President McClintick asked if there was any Public Comment.

Jordan Krom introduced herself to Borough Council Members. President McClintick welcomed her.

President McClintick moved on and asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 8, 2013 Meeting.

MOTION: to approve the July 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes was made by Jeff Main, second by John Freeland, a correction was noted on page two of the minutes, all ayes, motion carried.

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the Treasure's Report.

MOTION: to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2013 was made by John Freeland, second by Chris Frisby, all ayes, motion carried.

President McClintick asked for a motion to approve the Bills Payable for July 2013.

MOTION: to approve the Bills Payable Invoice List for the month of July 2013 was made by Jeff Main, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.

President McClintick asked for the Mayor's Report.

Mayor Zeger reported on the Fair's Success. He gave special thanks to the Fire Company for all of their community support. He asked that the community be aware of the students walking to school and taking extra caution while driving due to the school bus and student stops. He asked that everyone be mindful of the curfew that is in effect and hopes that everyone enjoys the remaining days of summer.

President McClintick asked for the Police Report.

Chief John Zechman reviewed his report which he provided to Borough Council Members. His report contained the following activity for the month of July; 135 Complaints, 4 Borough Ordinance Violations, 17 Criminal Investigations, 9 Criminal Arrests, 3 Accident Investigations, 92 Citations Issued and 50 parking Tickets. Chief Zechman provided an update on Officer McCorrison and the money paid to the Borough.

President McClintick asked for the Solicitor's Report.

Jason Kelso apologized for Sam Wiser absence. Jason Kelso reviewed three items the first being the draft version of the Lease Agreement for the Magistrates Office Lease Renewal and the second was the Radio Agreement with Franklin County. After discussion Borough Council President asked that Council Members review the information and submit any questions, comments, suggestions to Tammy Oberholzer before the next meeting. Jeff Main was going to forward the Radio Agreement for the Fire Chief's review and comment. Both items would be placed on the Agenda under Old Business at the September 9, 2013 Borough Council Meeting. The third item was for Executive Session.

President McClintick asked the Engineer for the Engineer's Report.

Lance reviewed information about RECON moving ahead with additional core sampling. He also asked Council to consider a motion to intent to award contingent upon receiving the official commitment letter from PIB for the loan funds. Lance expressed concerns and is trying to keep the project moving forward as scheduled. Borough Council discussed this topic further and received direction from Jason Kelso.

MOTION: to authorize and direct the Solicitor's Office to prepare and advertise an Ordinance under the Local Government Unit Debt Act to facilitate the Pennsylvania's Infrastructure Bank Loan made by Tom Suddeth, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

MOTION: to authorize the proper officials of the Borough to take any and all action necessary to effectuate the financing to include but not limited to signing the Commitment Letter was made by Chris Frisby, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

Borough Council discussed the Alternate 1 costs and what it is for. Jason Kelso provided a plan for the upcoming Peters Township Meeting and would forward the information to Mr. Steiger for the meeting.

President McClintick asked for the Borough Manager's Report.

Tammy Oberholzer updated Borough Council about the waterline replacement, her upcoming vacation dates, and that the office attended recent ribbon cutting events. Tammy also reviewed Franklin County installing security cameras both inside and outside Borough Hall and other improvements. After much discussion, Council asked Tammy to send correspondence to Franklin County requesting additional information and access to the recording outside and the bottom hallway. Borough Council requested that technology review the information once it comes back from the County.

MOTION: to authorize contacting the County regarding the security cameras installation and request they provide us access to the feed via our Police Department, cover the costs of such improvements, and the purchase of a sign notifying the public at their cost was made by Tom Suddeth, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

Tammy Oberholzer reviewed that she would keep Borough Council updated with any information.

MOTION: to enter into executive session at 7:40 pm with possible legal action to be taken was made by Jeff Main, second by John Freeland, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 8:08 pm.

President McClintick asked for the Secretary's Report.

Dawn Scheller provided updates regarding the Summer Playground Program, a request for the Streets Committee and the number of issued Land Use Permits for July which was three.

President McClintick noted the Public Works Report included in Council's packets.

President McClintick asked if there were any updates from the Committees. No updates were provided.

President McClintick asked if anyone had any additional Old or New Business to discuss. No additional business was brought before Council.

President McClintick reviewed the Correspondence and Calendar.

Technology Committee would meet once the camera information was received. Streets Committee would meet on Sept. 11 at 10 am. The next Borough Council meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

MOTION: to adjourn at 8:20 pm was made by John Freeland, second by Jeff Main, all ayes, motion carried.

These meeting minutes were transcribed and respectfully submitted by Dawn Scheller with the use of her meeting minutes and recording.

Date Approved: _____ Motion Made: _____ Second: _____